

are about seven years too late to be effective, but nevertheless should constantly bend every effort to work together in our community interests, which is the philosophy that sustains all of us, irrespective of conditions and actions that may or may not coincide with our personal opinions.

Respectfully submitted,

Harry H. Wilson, *Councilor-at-Large*.

*To the President and the House of Delegates:*

The main activities of the San Diego area during the past year were those having to do with the election. Not only did we do our bit to defeat the "Humane Pound Act," but we also won out in the local supervisorial race. By so doing we were able to continue the prestige of our County Hospital Committee, which provides a very satisfactory set-up in this county for the care of the indigent sick.

Respectfully submitted,

C. O. Tanner, *Councilor-at-Large*.

*To the President and the House of Delegates:*

Observation shows both a marked increase on the part of the membership of the California Medical Association in knowledge of and of interest in the important matters now confronting the medical profession.

The question of compulsory or voluntary health insurance is now most important. It still remains for the membership to respond without delay to demands for action by those to whom we entrust our destinies; for there seems to be a determined effort on the part of several factions to regulate the practice of medicine.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. Kiger, *Councilor-at-Large*.

*To the President and the House of Delegates:*

As a Councilor-at-large of the Association, I have participated in a number of meetings of the Council and served as a member of the committee which formulated the plan for California Physicians' Service.

The results of these activities are matters of record.

Respectfully submitted,

T. Henshaw Kelly, M.D.,  
*Councilor-at-Large*.

*To the President and the House of Delegates:*

In years during which the Legislature is in session your councilor-at-large must give extra time to the work of the Committee on Public Policy and Legislation. However, he has joined with the Association officers in their visitations to the district in which he is located and has endeavored to be of aid whenever possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Junius B. Harris, *Councilor-at-Large*.

*To the President and the House of Delegates:*

During the past year considerable time was spent by your Councilor-at-large at committee meetings dealing with questions concerning certain activities relating to the Golden Gate International Exposition.

Still more time was devoted, as chairman, to your Special Committee on Animal Experimentation. This committee was specially concerned with the defeat of the so-called "Humane Pound Bill," an antivivisection measure submitted to the voters at the general election in November, 1938. The chairman was authorized as the committee's representative on the Executive Committee of the California Society for the Promotion of Medical Research, organized in 1915 by medical, educational and business leaders throughout the State, to promote medical

research and combat attacks and legislation tending to restrict it. During the year your Councilor-at-large served as chairman of the Campaign Committee of this latter organization.

Considerable time has also been devoted to the work of our San Francisco County Committee on malpractice insurance.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip K. Gilman, *Councilor-at-Large*.

## IV

### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

T. Henshaw Kelly, Chairman

William W. Roblee, President.

Charles A. Dukes, President-elect.

Howard Morrow, Past President.

Lowell S. Goin, Speaker, House of Delegates.

Karl L. Schaupp, Chairman of the Council.

T. Henshaw Kelly, Chairman, Auditing Committee.

George G. Reinle, Chairman, Committee on Public Relations.

tions.

George H. Kress, Secretary-Treasurer—Editor.

*To the President and the House of Delegates:*

The Executive Committee has had only one meeting this year, the business of the Association having required a sufficient number of Council meetings to make further meetings of the Executive Committee unnecessary.

The minutes of the Executive Committee are incorporated in the Council minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

T. Henshaw Kelly, M.D., *Chairman*.

#### AUDITING COMMITTEE

##### Executive Group

T. Henshaw Kelly, Chairman, 1939

O. D. Hamlin, 1939

Philip K. Gilman, 1939

*To the President and the House of Delegates:*

The Auditing Committee has conducted its usual duties during the past year and the Auditor's report of the status of finances, which is the main part of this report, is kept on file in the offices of the Association and will be filed at the Association desk during the meeting at Del Monte.

Respectfully submitted,

T. Henshaw Kelly, M.D., *Chairman*.

#### COMMITTEE ON ASSOCIATED SOCIETIES AND TECHNICAL GROUPS

##### Executive Group

John V. Barrow, Chairman, 1940

Edwin L. Bruck, 1941

W. H. Geistweit, 1939

*To the President and the House of Delegates:*

The Committee on Associated Societies and Technical groups begs to submit its usual report along the line of its usual activities.

Reports from Dr. W. H. Geistweit, Jr., of San Diego, and Dr. Edwin L. Bruck of San Francisco, coincide with my own activities in aiding the Auxiliary in an advisory capacity at various times.

We had under plans the listing of the voting capacity of physicians and patients if and when called upon by the State Council or the Committee on Legislation. The essential need of this work was forestalled by other methods of handling the voting campaign in the last election, and is practically always provided for by the Committee on Public Relations and other committees of the Association.

Each of us has contacted the nursing organizations of our communities, and Doctor Geistweit has rendered very valuable service with the nurses in his district, in particular in consideration of their proposed legislation aiming at a separate nursing board. The opposition en-

countered from certain other committees in this matter suggests again a closer relation between our committee and other committees when matters concerning one of our groups are being considered.

We regret the failure of coördinating efforts between the Nursing Association and the State Medical Association before the Nurses' Association began formulating its bill. However, our feeble efforts to forestall this situation were unavailing, although Doctor Geistweit was particularly active in his section in trying to arrive at a better understanding.

We respectfully request the approval of the Council in the promulgation of conjoint meetings all over the State among local societies of each associated organization. We would like to be able to find out the plans of these associations and technical groups before any action is taken by them in matters of mutual interest.

In our doing this we do not wish to be thought to supplant the work of any other committees of the Association. Our findings will serve only for the information of the State Council, to which they will be submitted as early as possible.

Respectfully submitted,  
John V. Barrow, *Chairman*.

#### COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

##### Executive Group

Fred B. Clarke, *Chairman*, 1941  
W. R. P. Clark, 1939 Benjamin W. Black, 1940

*To the President and the House of Delegates:*

The most important work that this committee has done this year was to appoint, at the suggestion of the Council, a subcommittee on "Pneumonia Control."

The personnel of this committee is as follows: Roy E. Thomas, chairman, Los Angeles; Lambert B. Coblentz, San Francisco; Edwin L. Bruck, San Francisco; Karl F. Meyer, San Francisco; William P. Shephard, San Francisco; George D. Maner, Los Angeles, and Daniel B. Comstock, Los Angeles.

The purpose of this committee is to familiarize the doctors of California as to the latest methods of treating pneumonia.

The committee has urged the development of the Speakers' Bureau in the larger county units of the State, with the expectation that they can contribute to the education of the public in matters relating to health.

Respectfully submitted,  
Fred B. Clarke, *Chairman*.

#### COMMITTEE ON HISTORY AND OBITUARIES

##### Executive Group

Frank R. Makinson, *Chairman*, 1941  
A. Elmer Belt, 1940 J. Marion Read, 1939  
The Secretary, ex-officio The Editor, ex-officio

*To the President and the House of Delegates:*

Your Committee on History and Obituaries is pleased to report that its work is progressing slowly, but continuously; however, committee meetings have not been part of the star performance.

The biographical data blanks have been sent out and we trust that everyone will avail himself of the opportunity to assist the committee in its work by filling out the blanks completely, and returning them to the headquarters of the Association.

It is felt that one accomplishment is of special interest, namely, a portrait of Benjamin Franklin Keene. This was found in Georgia, and permission has been obtained to photograph it. Doctor Keene was president of the California Medical Association, having served during the year 1856.

It is recommended that five hundred dollars be allotted and ear-marked for the use of this committee in purchasing

old journals, books, and other archives pertaining to the history of our Association.

Seventy-three of our members passed to their great reward during 1938. May their souls rest in peace! The entire list of names appears in the Supplement to CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE bearing the date of March, 1939. It seems only fitting that three names should be especially mentioned: those of Emmet Rixford of San Francisco, Joseph P. Widney of Los Angeles, and Joseph M. King of Los Angeles, who served as our president in 1932.

Respectfully submitted,  
Frank R. Makinson, *Chairman*.

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##### IN MEMORIAM

Abraham, Vestal Raul, October 10, 1938, Long Beach.  
Baker, Fred, May 16, 1938, Point Loma.  
Bishop, Thomas W., December 28, 1938, Pasadena.  
Bliss, Walter Parks, November 3, 1938, Pasadena.  
Blond, Harry Hyman, March 11, 1938, Los Angeles.  
Bowers, Paul E., February 15, 1938, Los Angeles.  
Brinckerhoff, Elmer Ellsworth, March 12, 1938, Oakland.  
Carpenter, Frank L., May 16, 1938, Berkeley.  
Clark, Edward Perry, September 5, 1938, Los Angeles.  
Crabtree, Winston Churchill, July 14, 1938, San Diego.  
Dickerson, Harry William, March 24, 1938, San Diego.  
Dillon, Edward Thomas, October 14, 1938, Los Angeles.  
Dundas, Robert C., November 20, 1938, Los Angeles.  
Fitzpatrick, Earl Berton, December 11, 1938, Martinez.  
Frederick, Marcus White, September 4, 1938, Brentwood.  
Freund, E., December 13, 1938, Los Angeles.  
Galbraith, George H., September 11, 1938, Long Beach.  
Gates, Mark Gorman, November 15, 1938, Santa Monica.  
Goodman, Emanuel, February 22, 1938, San Francisco.  
Hanlon, Edward Russell, June 24, 1938, Los Angeles.  
Harris, Henry, July 7, 1938, San Francisco.  
Hobby, William Cott, December 26, 1938, San Francisco.  
Houghton, Arthur D., January 23, 1938, San Fernando.  
Hovde, Anders G., August 14, 1938, Hollywood.  
Hull, James Porterfield, July 22, 1938, Stockton.  
Jones, Wendell A., September 20, 1938, Riverside.  
Kilbourne, Norman J., January 16, 1938, Los Angeles.  
King, Joseph Millen, October 7, 1938, Los Angeles.  
Lancaster, Jesse Samuel, November 5, 1938, Torrance.  
Lando, Milton E., January 31, 1938, Oakland.  
Langdon, Samuel W. R., December 30, 1938, Stockton.  
Lepper, Lawrence E., September 18, 1938, Los Angeles.  
Loehr, Bert E., April 12, 1938, San Jose.  
Lopez, Ernesto A., February 1, 1938, San Leandro.  
Loveren, George S., February 3, 1938, Santa Barbara.  
Martin, John Perry, July 5, 1938, Oakland.  
McArthur, Peter R., April 5, 1938, Los Angeles.  
McClenahan, H. C., December 11, 1938, San Francisco.  
Meneray, Prince Albert, March 1, 1938, Santa Rosa.  
Merrill, Belle Ellingsen, July 6, 1938, Oakland.  
Montgomery, John L., January 24, 1938, Mandovi, Wis.  
Montgomery, Mary F., August 30, 1938, San Francisco.  
Newcomb, Arthur Thurston, July 18, 1938, Pasadena.  
Nichols, Fred C., May 27, 1938, Santa Monica.  
O'Neill, Arthur Aloysius, March 2, 1938, San Francisco.  
Orbison, Thomas James, March 26, 1938, Los Angeles.  
Orr, Jane, August 19, 1938, Oakland.  
Petty, Charles Odell, November 17, 1938, Fullerton.  
Pierce, Sterling N., September 30, 1938, Los Angeles.  
Pindler, Louis Alden, October 9, 1938, Los Angeles.  
Potter, Clarence D., December 8, 1938, San Francisco.  
Putnam, Victor E., March 11, 1938, San Francisco.  
Rixford, Emmet, January 2, 1938, San Francisco.  
Russell, William Wallace, March 2, 1938, San Diego.  
Schwarz, Theodore E., August 4, 1938, Oakland.  
Simmons, Gustavus Crocker, August 8, 1938, Inverness.  
Scribner, Richard G., November 19, 1938, Sacramento.  
Sloan, Orville Joseph, April 30, 1938, Glendale.  
Smith, Frank Holmes, February 19, 1938, San Bruno.  
Spiegel, Maurice J., April 21, 1938, Los Angeles.  
Sundin, Peter O., November 29, 1938, Los Angeles.  
Swindt, Joseph Martin, June 9, 1938, Pomona.  
Taltavall, William A., December 22, 1938, Redlands.  
Tobin, Peter Arthur, November 21, 1938, San Francisco.  
Upshaw, Harry Thomas, August 11, 1938, Pasadena.  
Van Vorhis, James H., February 9, 1938, Corcoran.  
Veckl, Victor G., November 16, 1938, San Francisco.  
Veon, John E., January 12, 1938, Bakersfield.  
Weirich, Elmer W., November 20, 1938, Angels Camp.  
Whitlock, Thomas S., May 25, 1938, San Diego.  
Wickman, Herman John, September 29, 1938, Riverside.  
Widney, Joseph P., July 4, 1938, Los Angeles.  
Wiese, Walter Fred, January 29, 1938, Fresno.

**COMMITTEE ON HOSPITALS, DISPENSARIES, AND CLINICS****Executive Group**

W. E. Mitchell, Chairman, 1939

Karl L. Schaupp, 1940

George Dawson, 1941

*To the President and the House of Delegates:*

The Committee on Hospitals, Dispensaries, and Clinics has not met during the past year. Therefore, no problems have been referred to this committee.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. Mitchell, *Chairman.***COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRIAL PRACTICE****Executive Group**

Philip Stephens, Chairman, 1939

Harry E. Zaiser, 1940

Morton R. Gibbons, 1941

*To the President and the House of Delegates:*

Little has transpired officially or unofficially in connection with the above committee which would be of sufficient interest to embody in a formal report.

Inasmuch as there has been a change in the State Administration, there are many rumors as to certain action or actions to be taken by the Administration in regard to our State Compensation Insurance Act. However, there is nothing of sufficient authenticity to record. One of the most favorable rumors to be mentioned is that the present Administration has signified a sincere desire to make a broader and more equitable distribution of the State industrial fund work than was allegedly made by the previous Administration. No doubt, there will be some attempt made by legislative enactment to change features of the act, but none as yet has come to our notice of sufficient importance to record. There is still a growing tendency on the part of large groups, especially the metropolitan districts, to get a large majority of the accidental insurance work in industry and a marked lessening in the number of cases distributed to individual surgeons amply fitted professionally to give full care to this type of minor and major surgery. From the standpoint of the insurance carrier it might be stated that one reason for this condition is due either to the inability, inexperience or negligence on the part of the individual doctors to render proper, sufficient and understandable reports so necessary to conduct the lay activity of the carriers' business that there is a tendency on the part of these carriers to send work to the larger groups who have ample clerical force and enterprise to make these objections rare and almost unknown. It would seem to us that certain information, educational in character, should be disseminated either locally or by the State educational group, which would be of considerable value to the younger or older men who desire to do this particular class of work, especially those located in the metropolitan and industrial communities.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip Stephens, *Chairman.***COMMITTEE ON MEDICAL DEFENSE****Executive Group**

George G. Reinle, Chairman, 1938

Fred R. De Lappe, 1939

John P. Nuttall, 1940

*To the President and the House of Delegates:*

Medical defense (malpractice defense) is a subject of increasing interest to all physicians, because, during the past twenty-five years, members of the medical profession have presumably been selected as a group from whom money, under threat of scandalous publicity, might be more or less easily extracted. So numerous have been such onslaughts in the courts, and so susceptible to specious arguments have so many juries shown themselves to be, as evidenced in heavy verdicts for plaintiff patients, that several casualty and insurance companies, who formerly operated in California, have entirely withdrawn from the

state. For the same reason, the premium rates of the remaining companies have not only been greatly increased, but the amount of coverage indemnity has been considerably lessened.

It is true that part of this may be due to the psychology of the times—the desire on the part of many persons to try to get “easy money,” that is, money without working for it; but, in addition, another factor is the type of patient enumerated above, with an indiscreet physician, who consciously or unconsciously had spoken out of turn in unnecessary disparagement of a colleague, in combination with an attorney-at-law willing, on a contingent basis, to enter suit, if costs were covered. These, as in many past malpractice cases that have occupied the time of courts, all continue to operate.

Which emphasizes the merit of the plan in vogue in some of the New England, and also some of the Pacific states, that in any case of a threatened malpractice suit, a special committee of physicians calls before it all physicians who have seen the patient making the complaint, and all physicians whose testimony was apt to be called for in court; a possible instrument of great value to members, both of the legal and medical professions. Your Committee on Medical Defense is making a study of these plans, and hopes in due time to present the same to the State Association Council, and with its permission, to the County Medical Societies. It may be taken for granted that the malpractice problem is one worthy of earnest attention, and if a plan could be put into operation whereby malpractice suits would be reduced in number, and the insurance coverage costs also lessened, then such an effort should be made.

Respectfully submitted,

George G. Reinle, *Chairman.***COMMITTEE ON MEDICAL ECONOMICS****Executive Group**

John H. Graves, Chairman, 1941

Edward M. Pallette, 1940

William R. Molony, Sr., 1939

*To the President and the House of Delegates:*

The usual activity during the past year in regard to health insurance has brought a large volume of problems before this committee for study and analysis.

Suggestions and conclusions of the committee are from time to time submitted for consideration to the Public Relations Committee.

A written report was submitted at the Conference of Standing Committees and County Secretaries at their meeting in San Francisco on February 27, 1939.

Respectfully submitted,

John H. Graves, *Chairman.***COMMITTEE ON MEDICAL EDUCATION AND MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS****Executive Group**

Loren R. Chandler, Chairman, 1939

John B. Doyle, 1940

B. O. Raulston, 1938

*To the President and the House of Delegates:*

Your Committee on Medical Education and Medical Institutions has coöperated with the four medical schools in California and, with your Committee on Postgraduate Education, has considered matters referred to it by the Association, appointing a subcommittee on tuberculosis to make a study of the facilities in this State for the treatment of tuberculosis and other pulmonary diseases, and to coöperate with all existing agencies for the improvement of necessary conditions.

Your committee sees no need to report on the work of each medical school in California, as their activities are described adequately from time to time in bulletins and reports.

Respectfully submitted,

L. R. Chandler, *Chairman.*

# COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP AND ORGANIZATION

## Executive Group

George D. Maner, Chairman, 1941  
G. Dan Delprat, 1940      Dewey R. Powell, 1939  
The Secretary, ex-officio

### *To the President and the House of Delegates:*

The Committee on Membership and Organization of the California Medical Association held no formal meetings during the year.

The efficiency of the component county association organizations, together with specific campaigns for membership in some of the county units, necessarily preclude the activities and functions of this committee.

The responsibilities of seeing that all eligible physicians are informed as to the advantages of membership is in the hands of the various component county units.

Recent resolutions adopted by the House of Delegates of the American Medical Association relative to accredited hospitals permitting only members of component societies on their staffs has created a problem for admission committees, especially in some of the metropolitan centers, in that many undesirable physicians now are applying for membership so that they will be able to be listed as staff members of accredited hospitals.

The total membership of the California Medical Association as of January 1 was 6,077, as compared with 5,867 in 1937. The number of deaths was 78; a net gain in membership of 132.

The total number of physicians in the State in 1938 was 9,785; thus, there are 3,698 physicians who are nonmembers at present.

An analysis shows that of those nonmembers about 5 or 6 per cent have been former members who have been dropped for nonpayment of dues or other causes, and that about 15 per cent are physicians fifty-five years of age or older who in the past have never been desirous of associating with organized medicine and thus are a questionable value at the present time.

The survey also shows that about 10 per cent of the nonmembers fall in the advertising or quack classification and are not eligible. About 2 per cent are independents or malcontents and would not join under any conditions.

At present it is estimated that of the 3,698 nonmembers only about 1,500 or thereabouts should be considered as desirable.

As the necessity arises your committee stands ready to initiate and carry through such plans and programs as are deemed best and wisest.

It is the opinion of your committee that any plans proposed for intensive membership drives by county units should be considered carefully and thoughtfully by their governing bodies and the question of eligibility should be investigated carefully before election. However, all county society secretaries should inform desirable nonmembers as to the advantages of becoming members of their county societies.

Respectfully submitted,  
George D. Maner, *Chairman.*

# COMMITTEE ON POSTGRADUATE ACTIVITIES

## Executive Group

John C. Ruddock, Chairman, 1940  
F. E. Clough, 1941      F. F. Gundrum, 1939  
The Secretary, ex-officio

### *To the President and the House of Delegates:*

The Committee on Postgraduate Activities has had several meetings during the past year. The committee has carried on extensive correspondence between the office of the Association, among themselves, and with various committees and units throughout the State.

The committee feels that the precedent, which has been established by the publication of a five-year study program for graduates in medicine, is very worth while and the changes which have appeared in the last issue, called Supplement Number Two, have been caused by the experience of its application for the past year, as well as by recommendations from various specialized units throughout the State. The subjects as listed in the Supplement are not intended for didactic work in medicine. They are not designed to provide physicians for any specialty, but they are intended to afford to units and localities an opportunity to form a program, and to obtain speakers, so that the members of that locality may remain abreast of scientific programs and apply what they gain in their daily practice with an understanding of the underlying problems and fundamentals.

The Council of the California Medical Association has recognized the fact that organized medicine has an obligation to fulfill, and has promptly carried out the recommendations of the committee in order to afford an opportunity to its membership to engage in continuous educational study with a minimum of inconvenience, time and expense.

It has been stressed, from time to time, that the California Medical Association is not running a postgraduate school. However, the Association, through its executive offices at 450 Sutter Street, San Francisco, will list and attempt to make available to the membership, in various communities throughout the State, opportunities for postgraduate conferences and study. The details of the conferences in the localities must, of necessity, be left to the local committee. It is not the purpose of the committee to assign speakers. However, the committee, after circulation of numerous questionnaires during the past year, has accumulated the names of men who are available to localities for certain of the specified courses as listed in the Supplement. These names will be furnished the local committees in order to assist them to invite the speakers. This committee wishes to stress that they would desire the local committee to issue its own invitations to the speakers, asking them to conform, as closely as possible, to the outline in the prescribed curriculum as noted in the Supplement to CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE.

Due to the large geographical extent of the State of California, with its mountains which divide the State into such definite areas, the committee feels that for certain northern areas teams should be made up, and dates so arranged, that a number of conferences can be given by one team in one circuit. Traveling in certain areas must be by auto and, therefore, conferences can only be arranged during certain seasons of the year.

It is extremely gratifying to the committee to find such widespread response in answer to its questionnaires for participation in these postgraduate conferences.

There has been a prompt response and coöperation by the four medical schools in this state, as well as excellent response by various organized commissions and allied medical and social groups.

The committee has been unable, as yet, to work out a satisfactory program with the California State Board of Health whereby the use of Social Security funds can be utilized in financing that part of the program which deals with child and maternal welfare. Recently, a program was devised whereby the various child and maternal welfare programs have been designated, but these are entirely under the sponsorship of the Board of Health, and our participation is only in assisting in the program. It is hoped that further participation in postgraduate study under the Social Security funds available to this state can be attained. The California Medical Association has the machinery, it has the program, it has the men who desire the training, and the Association is anxious to place this program into effect. The legal restrictions that have been placed around the

Social Security funds have prevented, until this time, a full participation in it.

It is hoped that the work of this Committee, which has now been started and is now on a definite basis, will be continued. The Committee has felt that clinical rather than didactic lectures are the programs of choice for postgraduate conferences. The Committee realizes that there are certain members of the California Medical Association who will not embrace the opportunities for postgraduate conferences which are offered to them. However, the opportunities will be available, and if they are not taken advantage of, then those men will lose who do not embrace them.

The Committee wishes at this time to thank the Council of the California Medical Association, the committees and such allied organizations and sections who have assisted them in the preparation of the supplement, and the membership at large for the interest they have taken in postgraduate activities.

Respectfully submitted,  
John C. Ruddock, *Chairman*.

#### COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS

##### Executive Group

Ralph Eusden, Chairman, 1940  
Ruggles A. Cushman, 1941  
The Editor, ex-officio  
Oscar Reiss, 1939  
The Secretary, ex-officio

*To the President and the House of Delegates:*

The report of the Editor of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE is to be considered in connection with this Committee's report.

The Publications Committee recommends as worthy of notice the editorial policy, the physical arrangement of contents, and the contents itself of the official organ, and commends the Editor on the fact of this JOURNAL's high standards.

We are now in the midst of changing social and economic conditions and, just as throughout time medicine has adapted itself to social changes, we shall again adjust to the changing social customs and aspirations.

Of necessity, editorial comment and publication of articles pertinent to the Medical Association's position in this economic-political situation have been provided, to the end that our membership may be well and honestly advised.

Too long our light has been under a bushel, and we are now placed in the position of taking the offensive. Let this be increasingly emphasized.

Our JOURNAL continues to hold an outstanding position in the field of state and regional journals.

This being a legislative year for the state, the Committee urges that you thoroughly read your JOURNAL for initiative guidance.

As stated in a previous committee report, the policy of the Editor in publishing State Association, convention papers and original papers, and giving preference to clinical presentations, has been maintained. When, because of the manifold number of papers, some, of sheer necessity, could not be published, effort has been made to get publication in corresponding journals.

The Committee recommends the whole-hearted support of the Council and House of Delegates to the present and projected character and policy of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE.

The Committee further wishes to express complete confidence in and respect for the Editor of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, and to bid him godspeed in going forward.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ralph B. Eusden, *Chairman*.

#### COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC POLICY AND LEGISLATION

##### Executive Group

Junius B. Harris, Chairman, 1941  
E. T. Remmen, 1940  
The President, ex-officio  
The President-elect, ex-officio  
T. Henshaw Kelly, 1939

*To the President and the House of Delegates:*

The California Legislature is now in session. A progress report was made at the Conference of County Society Secretaries on February 25. At the annual session at Del Monte, further report will be made. Members who desire information concerning pending legislation will find comments thereon in CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, March, 1939, on page 213. Proposed legislation having relation to medical practice and public health standards, as presented this year, if anything, is of a more serious nature than usual. The alert interest of all members of the Association is urged.

Respectfully submitted,  
Junius B. Harris, *Chairman*.

#### COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC RELATIONS

The Committee on Public Relations consists of the chairmen of the following standing committees and of certain general officers of the Association, all serving ex-officio. The chairman of the committee is George G. Reinle, the secretary is George H. Kress. The director of the Department of Public Relations is George H. Kress. The chairman of the Committee on Public Relations is ex-officio a member of the Council.

Fred B. Clarke, Chairman, Committee on Health and Public Instruction.

W. Earl Mitchell, Chairman, Committee on Hospitals, Dispensaries, Clinics.

Philip Stephens, Chairman, Committee on Industrial Practice.

George G. Reinle, Chairman, Committee on Medical Defense.

George D. Maner, Chairman, Committee on Membership and Organization.

John H. Graves, Chairman, Committee on Medical Economics.

Junius B. Harris, Chairman, Committee on Public Policy and Legislation.

Alson R. Kilgore, Chairman, Cancer Commission.

John C. Ruddock, Chairman, Committee on Postgraduate Activities.

William W. Roblee, President of California Medical Association.

Charles A. Dukes, President-elect.

George H. Kress, Secretary-Treasurer.

Communications for the Public Relations Department should be addressed to the Director, George H. Kress, M. D., Room 2004, 450 Sutter Street, San Francisco.

*To the President and the House of Delegates:*

During the last year the problems confronting the medical profession in California were of a special and important nature, such as the State Humane Pound Act and plans for medical service on a periodic payment basis, these demanding attention not only from one, but from several committees and groups, as well as of the Council.

As regards the first measure, Proposition No. 2, which was presented to the voters as an initiative proposition on the November, 1938, ballot, the Director of the Department of Public Relations sent out literature from the Central Office of the Association, to all County Societies and their members, outlining plans of procedure whereby all agencies friendly to medical research, were brought into the battle against that proposed law, which went down to deserved defeat.

The Chairman and Secretary of the Committee, with President-elect Dukes, attended the second annual session of the Pacific States Medical Executives Conference in Portland. The exchange of views by representatives from the various Pacific states was most profitable to all who were in attendance. Of particular interest were the discussions on malpractice defense procedures. The Committee had as its representative at the special session of the American Medical Association House of Delegates in Chicago, President W. W. Roblee.

Owing to the heavy drain on the Association's finances, only one regularly called special meeting was held, pending matters being decided in good part through exchange of views by letters.

This Committee can fill an important need, and during the coming year, renewed effort will be made to have it function in line with original plan.

Respectfully submitted,  
George G. Reinle, *Chairman*.

#### COMMITTEE ON SCIENTIFIC WORK

##### Executive Group

George H. Kress, Chairman *ex officio*  
Lemuel P. Adams, 1940 F. M. Pottenger, 1939  
J. Homer Woolsey, 1938  
William H. Barrow, (Section on Medicine)  
Ray B. McCarty, (Section on Surgery)

*To the President and the House of Delegates:*

The schedules for the twelve scientific sections of the California Medical Association, as given in this annual session program of the Pre-Convention Bulletin Supplement to the April issue of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, represent the joint efforts of the State Committee on Scientific Work and the Section Secretaries, and it is the hope of those who have played a part in arranging for the section activities that what has been planned will be carried through in a manner in every way acceptable and pleasing to members in attendance.

Hence, the committee will appreciate criticisms or suggestions for betterment; for successful annual sessions hinge, in a large measure, on attention to even minor details. Memoranda or suggestions for changes may be left with the registration clerks or Association secretary, or mailed to the Central Office, 450 Sutter Building, San Francisco.

Respectfully submitted,  
George H. Kress, *Chairman*.

#### CANCER COMMISSION

##### Executive Group

Charles A. Dukes, Chairman  
Otto Pfueger, Secretary  
Orville Meland, Secretary for Southern Section  
A. Herman Zeiler Harold Brunn  
Gertrude Moore Henry J. Ullmann  
Clarence G. Toland

*To the President and the House of Delegates:*

The Cancer Commission is primarily interested in professional education. During the past few months we have been active in furthering professional education along two lines:

(a) Postgraduate. A short time ago each member received a supplement to CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, prepared by Doctor Ruddock and his committee. In this brochure, wherein are listed a number of topics, are a number relating to cancer. We have submitted names of qualified men to appear on the programs dealing with malignant conditions. It is proposed to send out teams of three men, comprised of a clinician, a pathologist, and a radiologist, to conduct a half-day meeting. They will hold clinics, present slides, and discuss the clinical course, diagnosis, and treatment pertaining to the particular subject under discussion.

(b) Creation of a new section at the conference held on the Sunday before the annual meeting of the State Association. Heretofore, the Commission has sponsored the pathologic and radiologic conferences, at which specialists in these divisions have taken part. It is now proposed to have a section for the general men and surgeons. It is hoped that fifty men will register and bring their microscopes. At this meeting the pathology will be presented and explained, with comments on treatment by a surgeon and radiologist.

(c) Pathology and radiology meetings were sponsored by the Commission at the State meeting in Pasadena and also

a mid-winter conference on pathology in Los Angeles in December. All of these were very well attended.

At the present time the Commission is undertaking a survey of the cancer clinics throughout the state, and letters have been sent to all the county secretaries asking them to forward to us a list of all the cancer clinics established in each county. This is being undertaken with the idea of lending approval to such clinics as warrant it, depending upon their standards of operation.

In order to reach younger men in the medical schools, on approval of the Council, a copy of the report of the Cancer Commission studies has been sent to each senior and junior student in all the medical schools in the state, as well as to the house staffs of the large hospitals.

Lay education, though looked upon as a vital phase of the cancer program, has been carried out only indirectly, in that members of the Commission have acted in an executive capacity for the Women's Field Army campaign of the American Society for the Control of Cancer. During this last fall it was suggested that the Woman's Auxiliary to the State Association take part in this work, and with the approval of the Council this was done. The success of this plan remains to be seen. We frequently see patients visiting physicians earlier as a result of this campaign.

Respectfully submitted,  
Alson R. Kilgore, *Chairman*.

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### REPORTS OF SPECIAL AND COUNCIL COMMITTEES

#### COMMITTEE ON MEDICAL RESEARCH

##### Executive Group

Phillip K. Gilman, Chairman  
Loren R. Chandler Charles A. Dukes

*To the President and the House of Delegates:*

Your Committee on Medical Research is pleased to report defeat at the hands of the voters of California of the so-called "State Humane Pound Law" at the election in November last.

Since the election, your committee as a whole has been less active.

Following the decisive defeat of the antivivisection pound act, the members of your committee and many members of the California Society for the Promotion of Medical Research felt that the time had arrived when a real humane pound bill should be introduced at the present session of the Legislature at Sacramento.

Your chairman has, at the request of the Council of the California Medical Association, cooperated in drawing up such a bill for introduction by our Legislative Committee.

Respectfully submitted,  
P. K. Gilman, *Chairman*.

#### COMMITTEE ON LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS:

##### ANNUAL SESSION AT DEL MONTE,

MAY 1-4, 1939

##### Executive Group

Mast Wolfson, Chairman  
Alfred L. Phillips Curtis B. Gorham  
W. M. Gratiot H. R. Lusignan  
Association Secretary *ex-officio*

*To the President and the House of Delegates:*

Several meetings have taken place with both the local and the central committee members. Plans are well in hand and things are shaping up so that members may enjoy themselves to the fullest extent in many diversified fields. Entertainment will be organized, from dancing to golf, fishing, trap shooting, etc., so bring the necessary equipment to suit your particular need. We hope to make this a great and enjoyable meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mast Wolfson, *Chairman*.